

# 2006 Northern Maine Children's Water Festival

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Dear Educator:

July 20, 2006

Please join us at the 7<sup>th</sup> biannual **NORTHERN MAINE CHILDREN'S WATER FESTIVAL, Tuesday, October 10, 2006**, at the University of Maine in Orono! This exciting event is geared for 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students and their teachers. The Festival features presentations, exhibits, quiz and stage shows, all with a water theme. Students engage in hands-on activities on topics such as wetland habitats, lakes, wildlife, groundwater, and aquatic life. Free materials are available in a teacher resource room. **There is no charge to send students to the Festival!**

The Festival's principal objectives are:

- To provide student and teacher interaction with water professionals;
- To demonstrate water's properties, values and uses, and threats to water quality;
- To provide teachers with resource materials;
- To develop career interests in environmental protection;
- To promote networking among teachers, students and presenters.

**Schools in** Aroostook, Washington, Hancock, Piscataquis, Somerset, Penobscot, Waldo, Knox counties and the following northern Kennebec County towns: Clinton, Benton, Waterville, Winslow, Oakland, Albion, Rome, Belgrade, China and Vienna are eligible to apply. Time and space constraints limit the number of participants to 800 students and their teachers. Consequently, attendance at this Festival is determined on a competitive basis. Teachers are expected to conduct classroom activities about water prior to the Festival to familiarize their students with fundamental vocabulary and concepts. The organizing committee will provide materials for these activities.

Schools are selected based on current or planned integration of water topics into their curriculum and on their geographic location. Preference is given to schools that have not attended recently. Please fill out the attached two-page application, including the section, "Describe how you will use the festival to complement your curriculum plans". A grant of up to \$200 per school is available to help defray the cost of bus transportation.

Please postmark applications ASAP or no later than August 28, 2006 and mail to:

Northern Maine Children's Water Festival  
c/o Christine Smith  
17 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333-0017

Selected schools will be notified within two weeks of date that an application is received.

If you have questions, contact Christine Smith at 287-7734 or [christine.p.smith@maine.gov](mailto:christine.p.smith@maine.gov)

**Steering Committee:** Department of Environmental Protection: Bangor, Presque Isle, Augusta offices; University of Maine: Conferences and Institutes, George Mitchell Center, and Cooperative Extension; Department of Health and Human Services; Penobscot Soil & Water Conservation District; Penobscot Nation; Union River Watershed Coalition  
**Chair: Barb Welch, Maine DEP, 287-7682**

